

Torrance, California  
September 27, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, September 27, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held September 13, 1938, and of a Special Meeting held September 23, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the California Federation of Women's Clubs, expressing appreciation for the courtesies extended that group by the Council.

A communication was read from the Torrance Townsend Club, requesting the services of the Municipal Band at the Townsend dinner and rally to be held October 20, 1938.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted, all **expenses** incidental thereto to be paid from the band contract fund. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to which was attached an invitation from the Mayor of Long Beach to the Municipal Band for participation at the Golden Jubilee Fall Festival Band Review at Long Beach September 28, 1938. It was the recommendation of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce that this invitation be given favorable consideration.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted, and that the expense incidental thereto be paid from the band contract fund. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization requesting that Mr. Joel Hagberg be appointed a special officer to serve at the WALTERIA Playground for all evening

functions, without compensation. The matter was referred to John H. Stron, Director of Public Safety, for recommendation.

A communication was read from Michael Sownie, requesting that the pool and billiard license issued to the A. & M. Pool Hall at 23223 Narbonne Avenue be transferred to 1673 Cravens Street.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be denied. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition with thirty-four signatures of local businessmen was read, expressing the desirability of the adoption by the City Council of an ordinance permitting legal card games in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the petition be filed for future reference.

Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the Ordinance Committee for recommendation at the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motion in favor of Councilman Powell's motion.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Bert M. Sharon, applying for permit to operate a card room in the City of Torrance in the event an ordinance permitting such business is adopted.

Councilman Murray moved that this communication be filed pending action of the Ordinance Committee. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W.C. Silence, requesting that trees be trimmed at 2368, 2371 and 2375 Maricopa Place, stating that they interfere with electric wires. Referred to the Street Department - Tree Committee.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, TO TAKE OVER AS A COUNTY PROJECT THAT ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 28.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1217 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1218

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ACTION OF THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HIGHWAYS ASSOCIATION IN REQUESTING THAT LEGISLATIVE ACTION BE TAKEN TO HAVE THAT CERTAIN STATE HIGHWAY DESIGNATED AS ROUTE 160 IN DISTRICT VII IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EXTENDED SOUTHERLY TO CONNECT WITH THE EXISTANT STATE HIGHWAY DESIGNATED AS ROUTE 164.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1218 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication signed by twenty-seven property owners was read, petitioning the Council to take such necessary zoning measures as are required to protect various sections of the City of Torrance from low cost, multiple dwellings.

Mr. Michael Straszer made a few comments at this time, pointing out that in the particular district in which the zoning is desired, a high standard of home building has been adhered to, and that if building permits for multiple and low cost dwellings are issued, the standard will be considerably lowered, decreasing the desirability of the district as a residential area.

Mayor Tolson stated that the zoning proceedings will be carried out as rapidly as is legally possible.

Acting Engineer Young advised that he had received a communication from the Southern California Automobile Club, quoting the price of signs on Hawthorne Avenue to be \$68.08 in addition to the original appropriation of \$121.80 made by the City for such purpose.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$68.08 be made for this purpose, to be paid from the unallocated fund.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Acting Engineer Young reported that he had attended a meeting of the County Flood Control District and that some plans are being formulated for improving the Nigger Slough.

Councilman Powell remarked that this work offers a fine prospect for a federal project, to which Mr. Young replied that plans are being formed toward that end.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$247.56, plus sales tax, be made for 150 barrels road oil, and an appropriation of \$127.25, plus sales tax, be made for 75 tons #4 rock for street repair. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Attorney be authorized to obtain data as to the legal procedure for establishing a special fund from City dump revenue (derived by charging a fixed amount for dumping refuse, water, etc. at the City Dump), with the view of sometime in the future establishing a garbage and refuse disposal plant at the City Dump. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of \$2,666.00 be made to cover operating expenses of the Chamber of Commerce for the quarter ending December 31, 1938. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 be authorized to furnish water to the State Relief Administration garden project on the east side of Arlington Avenue near 208th Street. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$447.50 be made for the purchase of turn-out suits, helmets and boots for use by the Fire Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$102.73 be made for tires and tubes for the Walteria Fire truck. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Walter E. Olsen, quoting

prices and giving details relative to establishing some system of radio communication between the police patrol cars and their headquarters and between police stations.

Mayor Tolson appointed Councilman McGuire to serve on a committee with Mr. John E. Stroh to study this matter and report to the Council regarding same.

Dr. O.A. Baughton from the Archeological Department of the University of Southern California was introduced at this time.

Dr. Baughton announced that the University of Southern California is desirous of obtaining permission to excavate the Malaga Cove site for archeological research work. He said that \$10,000.00 can be secured from the federal government for such a program, but that some public corporation is required to sponsor the project. He mentioned that, since the University is an individually owned corporation, it could not act as sponsor, but that if the City of Torrance would assume the position of sponsor, the University would supervise the work, at no cost to the City. It was estimated that twenty-five men would be employed six or eight months.

Dr. Baughton stated further that no material gain is anticipated by the University; that their interest lies in scientific advancement; also that all discoveries will be the property of the City of Torrance to do with as they see fit.

As there seemed to be a little doubt as to whether or not the property referred to, Malaga Cove, is within the city limits of Torrance, the matter was referred to Acting Engineer Young and the City Attorney for legal advice.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Mr. Steele, 1320 Cota Street, asked that something be done about a low place in the alley adjoining his property to permit water to run off. The matter was referred to the Street Department.

Mr. Hagberg asked from which fund the \$2,000.00 appropriated to the Chamber of Commerce will be paid. Mr. McGuire explained that this money is set up in a contract with the Chamber of Commerce from the advertising fund, which advertising fund was voted for at an election some time ago.

Mayor Tolson announced a meeting regarding the Alondra Park Assessment District for Wednesday, September 28, 1938 at the Civic Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:45 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Murray, the meeting adjourned.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance